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SUBJECT: TWA PLAN FOR NIGERIA AIRWAYS

REF: LAGOS 3435

1. DECEMBER 30 SUNDAY TIMES CARRIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE HEADLINED "GOVT PLANS ON AIRWAYS HALTED", IN WHICH WRITER CLAIMS TO HAVE HEARD FROM "SOURCES" IN LAGOS THAT TECHNICAL/MANAGEMENT PHASE OF TWA PLAN FOR NIGERIA AIRWAYS HAD BEEN DEFINITELY ABANDONED. REASON GIVEN WAS HIGH FINANCIAL OUTLAY REQUIRED FOR PROPOSED PROJECT, PARTICULARLY "EMBARRASSINGLY HIGH COST" OF MAINTAINING TWA TEAM OF EXPERTS IN NIGERIA. NIGERIA AIRWAYS CHAIRMAN FRANCIS OBI AND MOT PERMSEC G.A.E. LONGE WERE REPORTED AS OFFERING NO COMMENT ON THE STORY.

2. MOT DENIAL OF RUMOR PUBLISHED IN JAN 1 TIMES. OFFICIAL MINISTRY STATEMENT QUOTED AS SAYING THAT TWA PROPOSALS WERE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE, "WITH VIEW TO SUBMITTING TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WOULD FORM THE BASIS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH TWA AS TO THE SCOPE OF WORK DURING THE TECHNICAL/MANAGEMENT PHASE OF PROJECT."

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3. COMMENT: DURING JANUARY 2 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON

OTHER MATTERS, LONGE AVOIDED COMMENT ON STATUS OF PROJECT
WITHIN FMG AND WE DID NOT PRESS BUT HE EMPHATICALLY REPEATED
MOT DENIAL OF RUMOR THAT PROJECT DEFINITELY ABANDONED.
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